

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 21 through 23, 25 through 29, 31, 34, 43 through 45, 53 through 55, 58 through 61, and 75 through 77 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 21 through 23, 25 through 29, 31, 34, 43 through 45, 53 through 55, 58 through 61, and 75 through 77 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicated upon *Bell et al.* (US 7181526) in view of *Rizzo et al.* (US 20030147390) and *Golden et al.* (US 6,272,127, “Golden”). However, the citations of *Golden* (at least in page 4, last paragraph of the Office Action) were incorrect. *Golden* is a patent that contains only column numbers and line numbers, rather than paragraph numbers cited in the Office Action.

Telephonic Interviews of December 23, 2009 and January 13, 2010.

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesy extended by the Examiner and his supervisor in conducting telephonic interviews on December 23, 2009 and January 13, 2010.

During the interview on December 23, 2009, Applicants pointed out to the Examiner the incorrect citations of *Golden*. The Examiner indicated that he could not provide the matching citations in column and line numbers and he would probably use a new reference. The Examiner invited Applicants to file a response to point out the deficiencies regarding *Golden*, so that a new Office Action can be issued.

Applicants later contacted the Supervisor to ensure that filing such a response without amendments or arguments would not be considered non-responsive and would not incur a final Office Action. The Supervisor indicated on January 13, 2010 that the Examiner will either send

out an Interview Summary with correct citations or issue a new Office Action withdrawing the outstanding Office Action. The Supervisor also indicated that Applicants can file a response by the due date, in case neither an Interview Summary nor a new Office Action is timely filed. The Supervisor further indicated that such a response will not incur a final Office Action. It is with that understanding that the present Response is submitted.

For the foregoing reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Office Action (See MPEP §710.06). If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 822-7186 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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